

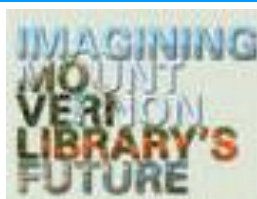
Mount Vernon City Library



Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study update

by Brian Soneda

My thanks to those of you who came to the September 24 City Council meeting to hear an executive summary of the library Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study, from SHKS consultant Kevin Kane, and to show support for the need for a new library in Mount Vernon. If you missed the City Council meeting, you can view the archived video from the meeting on the City of Mount Vernon website (www.mountvernonwa.gov) by clicking on the "Video Center" button in the left hand column options. (The Needs Assessment part starts around the 19 minute mark of the September 24 City Council meeting video.)



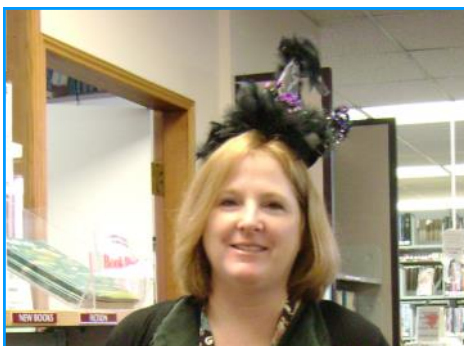
What's next? A core steering committee will be working on the full Final Report with SHKS and BERK Consulting and that Final Report should be available to the public soon. Please feel free to come talk to me at any time about the Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study or about your thoughts on a new library or about library service in Mount Vernon in general.

One other late-breaking piece of great news as we go to press—the library just received a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) grant from the SPEEA Boeing engineers union. Thanks to Library Foundation board member Scott Correa for his work on this!

Tip of the hat to Elks Lodge #1604

by Beth Bermani

The Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #1604 recently awarded the Youth Services department a \$2,000 Beacon Grant to support early learning and to support the library's Juvenile Detention Center book talking program that Assistant Youth Services Librarian, Alberta Hendrickson, has been running successfully for three years. Volunteers from the Elks will help staff the upcoming *Full STEAM Ahead: Science* program on Saturday, November 15 from 1-3pm. Thank you to the Elks for their continued support of the Mount Vernon City Library; their generous backing has made several recent events for patrons of all ages possible! (Editor's note: One such event that Beth references was the wonderful Read the Book/See the Movie event at the Lincoln Theatre & Pine Square on July 26, featuring the first two movies of *The Hobbit* trilogy and a great barbecue in Pine Square.)



Beth and hat to be tipped...

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Who supports the library?

- *You do, through City taxes*
- *The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library*
- *The Mount Vernon Library Foundation*
- *Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.*

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Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by Jenny Lee, Friends Membership Chair

"Books to the ceiling,
Books to the sky,
My pile of books is a mile high.
How I love them! How I need them!
I'll have a long beard by the time I read them."
— Arnold Lobel

*Friend officers, l-r:
Steve Jordan, Secretary
Bryan Milliren, Treasurer
David Johnson, Vice President
Jenny Lee, Membership Chair
Justin Holmes, President*



Well Summer is gone, the kids are back in school and the cold weather has arrived. Good reasons to cuddle up with a good book. Hope you all got plenty of books for the long winter at our September book sale, which was a success thanks to everyone who helped make it happen. Still need more books—there are always plenty of books in the Book Nook.

November is right around the corner and it's time for Friends appreciation Day (November 8th 11 am to 2 pm). It will be full of fun and community gathering, and a chance to see what we do as the Friends of the Mount Vernon library. We also have meetings every third Wednesday of the month, 6 pm at the library. Come join us and see how you can help your local library and promote literacy in the community. Voting for board members is also coming up, hope to see your name on the ballots!

To be informed about all our upcoming events in the future or more info, send me a message at frndmvlib@gmail.com.

October features *Skagit Reads* and *Food for Thought*

During October, the Mount Vernon City Library presents, ***Food for Thought***, a series of educational opportunities, guest speakers and community discussions, all focused on food & food resources here in Skagit Valley. This series is related to a regional program, ***Skagit Reads***, which is a Community Project of Reading, Learning & Sharing. A limited number of copies of the Skagit Reads book, *Closing the Food Gap*, are available at Mount Vernon City Library and other public libraries in Skagit County. See the Events Calendar on the next page for information about specific events at MVCL related to ***Food for Thought*** and ***Skagit Reads***. A tip of the hat to the primary funding sponsors, the Burlington Library Foundation.

Skagit Reads October 2014

A community project of reading, learning, sharing



Cool things that happened @ your Library last quarter...



Author Vangi DeMaster entralls crowd at her talk on August 25.



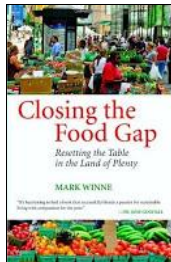


Poet Angelica Guillen emotes at her reading on September 16.



Magician Elliot Hofferth entertains on July 22.

2014 October-December Library Events Calendar

(all programs are free and at Mount Vernon City Library unless otherwise noted; no sign up is required)

Oct 1-Nov 19	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, Wednesdays, 3-5 years.	
Oct 1-Dec 31	LEGO Building for All Ages, 3-6:30 pm, Wednesdays; 2-4:30 pm, Saturdays.	
Oct 2	Fairy House Building (create a fairy house in a box), 5:30-6:30 pm, ages 8-12	
Oct 2-Nov 20	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, Thursdays, birth-24 months.	
Oct 2-Nov 20	Travels with SKOOB, 4 pm, Thursdays, 6-8 years.	
Oct 4	Graham Kerr, "Nourish and Delight...Our Future Food?" 2 pm*	
Oct 4-Dec 27	Play & Learn, 10-11:30 am, Saturdays, 2-6 years.	Graham Kerr
Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6	Tales for Tails, 1-2 pm, Kids read to certified therapy dogs, recommended ages 6-12.	
Oct 6	Vivian Smallwood, "Preserve the Taste of Summer" 6 pm*	
Oct 7-Nov 18	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, Tuesdays, 2-3 years.	
Oct 7-Nov 18	Create & Investigate (Art & Science), 4 pm, Tuesdays, 9-12 years.	
Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11	Teen Writing Group, 4:30-6:30 pm, grades 9-12 welcome.	
Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11	Adult Book Club, 12:30-1:30 pm.	
Oct 13	Shelli Stevens (author talk and reading), 6 pm, adults.	
Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library meeting, 6 pm, new members welcome!	Skagit Reads featured book, <i>Closing the Food Gap</i>
Oct 16	Our Skagit Food Web—Local Food Resources and Challenges (panel discussion), 6 pm*	
Oct 17	Dystopian Fiction Reveal and Snack-off Competition, 6-8 pm, grades 7-12.	
Oct 20	Diane Smith, "Local Food: How Far Does Your Food Travel?" 6 pm*	
Oct 23	The Bards of Key Poynt (musical guests), 6 pm, adults.	
Oct 27	Gail Nobel-Sanderson (author talk and reading), 6 pm, adults.	
Nov 3	Reanne Hemingway-Douglass (author talk and reading), 6 pm, adults.	The Bards of Key Poynt
Nov 8	Chritina Nealson (author talk and reading), 2 pm, adults.	
Nov 14	Library open 1-5 PM; to allow all staff training that morning.	
Nov 15	Full STEAM Ahead: Science (STEM core concepts plus Art!), 1-3 pm, ages 5-10*	
Nov 15	Andrea Weiser (poet talk and reading), 2 pm, adults.	
Nov 17	Libby Mills, program on Winter Birding, 6 pm, adults.	
Nov 18	Loom Crafts for Tweens and Teens, 4-5:30 pm, ages 9-16.	
Dec 4	De-construction Zone! (how things work), 4-5:30 pm, ages 8-12.	
Dec 8	Abbe Rolnick (author talk and reading), 6 pm, adults.	
Dec 29	Teen Murder Mystery Party, 2-4 pm, grades 7-12, (Burlington Public Library)	
Dec 31	From Bach to Rock (guitarist and cellist Matt Rehfeldt), 2 pm, all ages.	

*A Skagit Reads/Food For Thought program.

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“The Chain of Command”

The library director reports to the Mayor, Jill Boudreau.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Marija Anderson (Secretary), Bill Craig (Chair), Carrie Odlin (Vice Chair), Laura Riquelme and Sharon Sackett.

The library director and library staff serve you, the public.

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

Mount Vernon City Library

Vision Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community

Mission Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.

Core Values:

Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core value including, but not limited to:

<i>Excellent customer service</i>	<i>Relevancy</i>
<i>Patience, understanding and caring</i>	<i>Tolerance</i>
<i>Community leadership</i>	<i>Sensitivity</i>
<i>Helpfulness</i>	<i>Welcoming spirit</i>
<i>Contributor to the community's quality of life</i>	

2014 Library Hours

Monday	10 AM-7 PM
Tuesday	10 AM-7 PM
Wednesday	10 AM-7 PM
Thursday	10 AM-7 PM
Friday	10 AM-5 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5 PM

The Dr. Seuss Stone on the library grounds

Holiday and other closures:

November 11	Veterans Day
November 14	Library open 1-5 PM (staff training in the Morning)
November 27-28	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

